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KAMA SUTRA

This Friday (2-03-06) may become a Black Friday for some Windows users, as a computer worm which goes by the names Kama Sutra, Blackworm, Nyxem and MyWife is set to activate February 3 and the third of every month thereafter.

How it works

The worm spreads through e-mail attachments with enticing links such as "best video clip ever" and "Hot Movie." Clicking on one of these links activates the worm.

Once executed, it can corrupt and overwrite the most common Windows file types: .doc, .pdf, .zip, and .xls, among others. This means the data will be changed and will be unrecoverable.

The worm also tries to disable antivirus software.

What to do

- Question e-mail messages, even if they seem to be from people you know.
- Be aware of e-mail subject lines like "Hot Movie," "Kama Sutra pics," "FW: SeX.mpg," "the best video clip ever."
- Don't click on questionable attachments.
- Update your antivirus software and scan your computer.
- Back up your most important data to CDs, DVDs, or zip drives.
- Remember that, unlike other malware, Kama Sutra has no cure-all "patch."

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